

# SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

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<http://www.opi.mt.gov/schoolfood/index.html>

## 2009-2010 REQUIREMENTS CHECK SHEET

		Date <u>Completed</u>
Update Sponsor and Site Information Sheet(s)	Complete by September 30, 2009 <i>Submit to School Nutrition Programs</i>	_____
Public Release	Date Release Sent to Newspaper	_____
Two Sanitation Inspections	First Inspection Completed	_____
	Second Inspection Completed	_____
1st Afterschool Snack Program Review	Complete by October 31, 2009 <i>Retain in your files</i>	_____
Civil Rights Training	Date Training Completed <i>Retain documentation in your files</i>	_____
Verification of Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications	Complete by November 15, 2009 <i>Retain in your files</i>	_____
Summary of Verification	Complete by December 15, 2009 <i>Submit to School Nutrition Programs</i>	_____
On-Site Review of Meal Counting and Claiming Procedures	Complete by February 1, 2010 <i>Retain in your files</i>	_____
2nd Afterschool Snack Program Review (Complete on same form as 1 <sup>st</sup> review)	Complete by February 1, 2010 <i>Retain in your files</i>	_____

**REQUEST FOR INSPECTION**  
**NOTICE TO COUNTY SANITARIANS**

**[Date]**

To the **[Your County]** Health Department,

**[Name of School Food Authority]** would like to notify your office that its sites **[Names of all sites that need to be inspected]** are participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's School Nutrition Programs. As a participant in the School Nutrition Programs, these sites are required to have two sanitation inspections each school year, per the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 2004.

**[Name of School Food Authority]** would like to request the required sanitation inspections at your convenience. Please contact me if you have questions. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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**[Contact Person]**

**[Address]**

**[Telephone]**

## AFTERSCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM REVIEW

Complete and retain in district files

School Food Authority: \_\_\_\_\_ Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check One: \_\_\_\_First review \_\_\_\_Second review

Program Requirements	Yes	No
1. Does the after school program provide students with regularly scheduled activities in an organized, structured, and supervised environment that includes educational or enrichment activities?		
2. Are snacks served only after the end of the students' regular school day?		
3. Does the district administer or sponsor the after school program?		
4. Is documentation of individual student attendance maintained on a daily basis? (total counts for area eligible sites; counts by type - free, reduced-price, and full price for non-area eligible sites)		
5. Is a maximum of one snack per student per day claimed for reimbursement?		
6. Do the snacks that are served meet the minimum meal pattern requirements?		
7. Are daily production records maintained and show that a reimbursable snack is served each day?		
8. Is the snack priced as a unit?		
9. Are snacks served free or at a reduced-price for all students who are determined to be eligible for free or reduced-price snacks at a non-area eligible site?		
10. If charging for snacks, the charge for a reduced-price snack does not exceed 15 cents?		
11. Are snacks provided free to all eligible students at an area-eligible site?		
12. Are snacks served at the correct temperature according to food safety practices?		

Results of Review	Yes	No
1. Is a corrective action plan required?		
2. Is a follow-up review required?		

Suggested Corrective Action (follow-up in 45 days)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs  
On-Site Review of Meal Counting and Claiming Procedures**

**School Food Authority (District Name)**

**School Name (One Per Building)**

Attendance Factor _____%	Meal Count Day of Review	Currently Approved
Free		
Reduced-Price		
Paid		

**Application/Direct Certification Approval**

1. Are free and reduced-price applications on file correctly approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
2. Was verification of free and reduced-price applications correctly completed by November 15? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
3. Are changes in eligibility status made within 3 operating days when benefits are increased and 10 operating days when benefits are decreased? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
4. Is direct certification documentation maintained by the school/district? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

**Benefit Issuance List**

1. Is a benefit issuance list used in the meal system? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
2. Do names listed on the benefit issuance list match approved applications/direct certification letters on file? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
3. Is the benefit issuance list updated as needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

**Meal Count System**

1. Does the meal count system produce an accurate count of reimbursable meals (free, reduced-price or paid) served to eligible children? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
  - a. Is the implemented collection procedure the approved collection procedure? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
  - b. If the meal count is not taken at the end of the foodservice line (point of service), does the school have a system to account for reimbursable meals? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
  - c. Are only meals that meet meal pattern requirements counted and claimed for reimbursement? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
  - d. Does the collection procedure ensure that only one meal per child per day is claimed for reimbursement? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

2. Does the meal count system prevent overt identification? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
  - a. Is the medium of exchange made available to all students at the same location? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
  - b. Are accepted codes used to identify students as free, reduced-price or paid? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
  - c. Does the school have a trained substitute cashier? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
  - d. Is there a backup counting system in case of mechanical failure of the automated system? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

#### Meal Count Recording and Edit Checks

1. Does the school use proper procedures for counting and recording meals? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
2. The number of free and reduced-price meals claimed do not exceed the number of free and reduced-price eligibles for each day of the review month? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
3. Does the school have proper procedures to manage and safeguard cash for a la carte, adult meals, etc.? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

#### Results of Review

1. Is a corrective action plan required? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
2. Is a follow-up review required? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

#### Comments, Notes and Observations During the Review

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#### Suggested Corrective Action (Follow-up in 45 days)

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**Signature**

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**Date of Review (by February 1)**

Maintain at District Office – Do Not Mail to State Agency

## **National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs On-Site Review of Meal Counting and Claiming Procedures Instructions**

National School Lunch Program regulations 7 CFR 210.8(a)(1) require that the School Food Authority (SFA) conduct an on-site review in each building annually before February 1.

Food Service Management Company (FSMC) personnel may not complete the annual on-site reviews. Only employees of the SFA may perform this function.

The SFA must review all free, reduced-price and denied applications to assure that they have been accurately approved and that students are receiving the correct benefits to which they are entitled. Refer to the *Eligibility Guidance for School Meals Manual* at the following Web site: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/guidance/default.htm>.

The monthly claim for reimbursement must be supported by an approved counting system that provides an accurate count at the point of service of free, reduced-price and paid meals in each building.

A point-of-service meal count is defined as a system of counting meals at that point in the food service operation where it can be accurately determined that a reimbursable free, reduced-price or paid meal has been served to an eligible student.

Adult meals, a la carte items and second student meals are not reimbursable and should be accounted for separately.

The **only** approved alternatives to the point of service meal count include:

- Schools taking a meal count at the beginning of the meal service line, provided a staff person at the end of the meal line check to ensure the student has a reimbursable meal; and
- Schools approved by the State Agency to use Special Provision 2 simplified counting procedures. These schools must complete a review form specifically for schools using special provisions during non-base years. During the non-base years, Provision 2 schools only count the total number of reimbursable meals at the point of service. Meal counts by eligibility category are not required.

If any of the questions are answered “No,” a corrective action plan is required. Follow-up of corrective action must take place within 45 days of the review.